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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 20

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

--U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT, BUT NEGATIVE;

--AS CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP TO ECPC, IZVESTIYA

JULY 19 HAS LAUDATORY ARTICLE ON RECENT CP AND WORKERS' PARTY DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE BY RICHARD WOJNA, WRITING AS MEMBER CC PZPR. WOJNA IS CORRECTLY ADULATORY ON SOVIET ROLE AND MANAGES TO WORK IN MENTION OF KARLOVY VARY IN PASSING, BUT IT IS ALSO STRIKING THAT CONCLUDING PASSAGE ON "CREATIVE ROLE" OF WORKERS, WHICH HAS BECOME EVIDENT EVEN TO THOSE WHO UNTIL NOW HAVE TRIED TO IGNORE IT, IS NOT EXPLICITLY LIMITED TO "CAPITALIST" COUNTRIES;

--CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES NUMBER OF TASS MIDDLE

EAST ITEMS WHICH REPORT PALESTINIAN REFUSAL TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH SYRIANS UNTIL FURTHER WITHDRAWAL IS MADE, MENTION LEBANESE RIGHTISTS' CONSOLIDATION OF TERRITORY UNDER THEIR CONTROL AS POSSIBLE PRELUDE TO PARTITION, DESCRIBE ISRAELI SEIZURE OF EGYPTIAN FLAG MERCHANT SHIP CARRYING ARMS TO PALESTINIANS, AND CONCLUDE WITH "ARAB PRESS" NOTE THAT IN RECENT AL SESSION EGYPT HAD TRIED TO PLACE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXACERBATION OF LEBANESE SITUATION ON SYRIA AND PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT;

--KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 20 REPORTS JULY 19 DEPARTURE FOR

MALI OF FIRST DEP MIN DEF S.L. SOKOLOV. SOKOLOV GOES AT INVITATION OF LT. COL. KISSIMA DOUKARA WEARING BOTH MINISTERIAL HATS: MIN DEF AND MIN OF INTERIOR AND SECURITY;

--TWO ITEMS IN PRAVDA JULY 20 INDICATE CONTINUED SOVIET ATTENTION TO AFGHANISTAN: CC CPSU SECRETARY KAPITONOV

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ATTEND ED NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION JULY 19 AND FIRST MEETING WAS HELD OF JOINT AFGHAN-SOVIET TRANSPORT (FREIGHT) FORWARDING ASSOCIATION;

--CONTINUED SOVIET DISQUIET OVER EMERGENCY

MEASURES OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS REVEALED BY JULY 20 PRAVDA ITEM ON PERUVIAN TV FEDERATION CONDEMNATION OF RECENT ARREST OF FORMER TV SECRETARY GENERAL (AND MEMBER POL COMMISSION CC CPP) GUSTAVO ESPINOSA;

--BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ JULY 20 CARRY GLEEFUL PIECE BY TASS
"POLITICAL OBSERVER" A. PETROV ON NCNA'S BLAST AT
JAPANESE FOR MIN MIYAZAWA FOR CRITICIZING CHINESE
ATTEMPT TO WORK ANTI-HEGEMONY INTO CHINESE-JAPANESE
DRAFT TREATY. PETROV CONCLUDES WITH OMINOUS LIST OF
ASIAN COUNTRIES PREVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO CHINESE ATTEMPTS
AT INTERNAL MEDDLING AND MENTIONS "TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS"
OF CHINA TOWARD MANY NEIGHBORING STATES "INCLUDING
JAPAN."

2. NEGATIVE PIECE IN KZ JULY 20 BY V. VINOGRADOV ON U.S.
DEFENSE SPENDING FORMS CENTERPIECE OF LIGHT U.S.
COVERAGE. VINOGRADOV GOES ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT
RECENTLY SIGNED APPROPRIATION OF \$32 BILLION (\$20 BILLION
FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW SYSTEMS INCLUDING B-1 AND TRIDENT
AND \$10 BILLION FOR R&D) AND CITES WASHINGTON POST,
SENATORS MCGOVERN AND PROXMIRE IN OPPOSITION TO
PENTAGON'S PRESSURE FOR MORE FUNDS. IZVESTIYA JULY 19 HAS
WHOLE, INSIPID PAGE OF ARTICLES ON SOVIET UNION BY
VARIOUS FOREIGNERS INCLUDING JOSEPH NORTH, "AMERICAN
PUBLICIST", WHO WRITES ABOUT ABILITY OF SOVIET CITIZENS
TO ENJOY FULL RIGHTS, EVEN GOING BEYOND U.S. BILL OF
RIGHTS CONCERN FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS OF RULING CLASS. MATLOCK

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